

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1936
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

OVERCROWDED TRAINS

1936. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of deaths that have happened throughout the country due to overcrowding in trains, State/UT-wise;**
- (b) the reasons attributed for this overcrowding; and**
- (c) the corrective steps being taken to combat the same?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1936 BY SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.07.2019 REGARDING OVERCROWDED TRAINS

(a): No deaths could be attributed to overcrowding in trains except 05 reported in year 2018 over Chennai Division of Southern Railway (Tamilnadu State).

(b) and (c): The demand pattern on Indian Railways is not uniform and it varies during peak and lean seasons across different sectors and routes. The demand for travel surges specially during the peak season like summer holidays, festivals etc. In order to meet the travelling needs of passengers, Indian Railways introduces new trains and extends/increases the frequencies of existing trains. Further, to cater to the extra rush of passengers during festivals, holidays etc., special trains are operated and temporary augmentation of trains undertaken factoring the pattern of traffic, operational feasibility and availability of resources. This is an ongoing and continuous process. Accordingly, during the year 2018-19, 106 pairs of trains have been introduced and 487 coaches have been utilized for permanent augmentation. Further, to cater to the rush of passengers during peak season, summer vacation, festival etc., 34237 special train trips have been operated and 72618 coaches have been attached on temporary basis, during 2018-19.
